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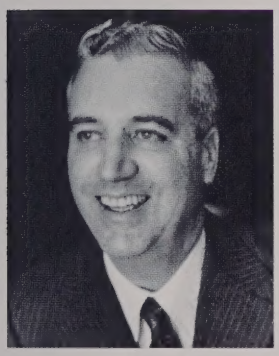

Arthur G. Slade
President

The Gala Celebration that took place in March to mark the League's 100th Birthday was a marvelous event and one that will be remembered for a long time by those who were in attendance. However, our Petoberfest extravaganza will be yet another celebration of this special year. It will be bigger and better than ever, and that is saying a lot in view of last year's success. We urge everyone to join us on Saturday, October 16th for this most joyous event. It is planned to be a spectacular celebration, and we look forward to meeting all of the League's members and friends that day.

The League reaches another milestone this year as this is not only the League's 100th Birthday, but it is also the 50th Anniversary of our Animal Friends Summer Camp at Cataumet on Cape Cod. This has been a unique and valued part of our Humane Education program. The Camp has grown from simple beginnings when it first began under the creative talents of Walter Detloff, the League's fourth President. It has grown over the years in size, diversity and sophistication; however, it has retained the direct hands-on character that has made it so valuable and popular with the hundreds of campers each summer. The close working relationship with all types of animals has truly accomplished the mission of the Camp to give young people a real appreciation and respect for all animal life. The teaching techniques and classes have taken various forms, but the underlying purpose has remained constant over the years.

It has been a special pleasure for me to see many young campers graduate to camp counselors and then go on to pursue adult careers in animal care and welfare. Perhaps the greatest satisfaction is to know that all of our campers continue through life with some values related to kindness and an appreciation for all living creatures. Hopefully this spirit will help to be a guiding force in their life experiences.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Summer Camp, we held a special "Campfest" on Saturday, July 24th at the Summer Camp facility. It was similar to our Petoberfest program. It was great fun to see present and former campers at such a festive affair.

Rescue News

Rescue of the Quarter

"Wrong Day To Go Poolside"

A wild river otter's search for water hit rock bottom – literally – when he dropped through a swimming pool pipe and ended up in a 9-foot-deep empty concrete swimming pool on May 25. He was discovered by workers who had come to fill the pool at the Prides Crossing oceanfront estate, and a call was made to Beverly's local Animal Control Department. Animal Control Officer Amy Cyr attempted to net the otter to safety, but before she could do so, the net broke. She then called the Animal Rescue League of Boston for backup.

Laura Caruso and Peter Dunsky of the League's Salem branch and Law Enforcement Officer Dianne Begonis were the first to arrive on the scene, followed by the League's Law Officers Lt. Alan Borgal and Inspector Rigaud Lee and the Boston branch's Sharon Krogh. Three hours were spent setting up the fishing nets and attempting to safely capture the animal.

The wily otter kept outwitting its captors and often retreated into the pool's corners. After nine attempts, the net successfully landed on top of the otter. Begonis and Lee walked down the pool ladder to secure the corners of the net, and Caruso helped bring the animal back up to safety. After evaluating the otter, it was determined that he suffered no injuries and was transported across the way to the beach. Caruso and Lee escorted the animal to a nearby tidal pool, where he dove in and swam away as if nothing happened.

TIP:

When trying to lead an animal to safety, remember that it may be frightened and react to someone's rescue attempts. In these situations, it is best to call professionals who are trained to handle wild animals, such as local animal control officers or humane societies.

A Veterinary UPDATE

Summer 3

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

Senior Care for Pets – Part II

Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome

As a result of advancements in veterinary medical care, pets are living longer. In fact, an estimated 13.6 million pet dogs in the United States are eight years old or older. This means a substantial number of senior pets are at risk of developing age-related behavioral and medical disorders.

Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome (CDS) is a common, recognizable condition in senior pets. CDS is defined as age-related or senior/geriatric-onset behavioral changes that cannot be wholly attributable to a general medical condition, such as cancer or organ failure. Since this syndrome is evident through behavioral signs, the pet's owner plays a key role in identifying its signs and bringing them to their veterinarian's attention.

As other body organs gradually lose function, the brain also undergoes a series of changes that result in cognitive decline. Cognitive function in pets includes spatial orientation, housetraining, and recognizing and reacting to human family members. Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome is age-related deterioration of cognitive abilities characterized by behavioral changes.

In absence of any physical symptoms, one or more of the following five signs reveal CDS:

1. Disorientation/Confusion - becoming trapped in corners or staring into space.
2. Decreased or altered responsiveness to family members – decreased greeting behavior, decreased interaction with owners.
3. Disturbances of the sleep-wake cycle: increased daytime sleeping and less nighttime sleeping.
4. Decreased activity level.
5. Deterioration in housetraining - loss of signaling to go outdoors and house soiling.

Numerous studies have documented some of the changes at the cellular level within the aging brain (which are similar to those seen in elderly people with certain types of dementia):

- A neuro-toxic protein accumulates in specific areas of the brain. The amount deposited may have a direct correlation with the severity of the syndrome.
- A decrease of dopamine (a brain neurotransmitter) concentration due to an increase in the enzyme that breaks it down.
- Free radicals (i.e. hydrogen peroxide) are released and accumulated within the brain, causing oxidation of cells and cell death.

Diagnosing and Treating CDS in Aging Pets

A presumptive diagnosis of Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome is made when there are clinical signs consistent with CDS, (decline in memory, learning, awareness or perception) in the absence of any underlying medical cause. For suspected cases of CDS, a history, physical examination, and diagnostic tests are needed to rule out the presence of any medical conditions that might affect behavior. Identifying the presence of a medical condition is important because it could be the sole cause of behavioral changes or it could be aggravating the problem.

In those dogs where a presumptive diagnosis of CDS has been made, the use of new veterinary drugs to improve (but not to cure) Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome, and timely and informative behavior counseling can make a world of difference. Thanks to a new focus on senior care for both dogs and cats, many clients will be able to maintain longer, healthier, and happier relationships with their pets through their pets' aging years.

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News from

President Arthur Slade poses with the President's Award winners Alan Borgal (l.) and Joe Winslow.

President's Award Winners

"The President's Award Program," a new employee recognition program, honored its first recipients this year. The first annual President's Award honorees were announced at the Centennial Early Supper on February 22, 1999. President Arthur Slade presented the award to two longtime employees whose dedication to the job has never waned. In the exempt employee category, the winner was Alan Borgal, Law Enforcement Coordinator. Borgal is an extremely hard-working man with an incredible knowledge of the animal welfare industry. In fact, his expertise on investigating dog-fighting is nationally renowned. In the non-exempt employee category, the winner was Joe Winslow, Boston Shelter Agent. Winslow is an industrious staff member, who is devoted to the animals. Whenever you need someone to pitch in and help, before you even ask, there's Joe. Both men were awarded a plaque, $100 and a pair of tickets to the Centennial Gala. *(Editor's Note: Those hardworking guys can sure dance.)*

The Kahn family shares good fortune with homeless pets in adoption: (left to right: Mom Gail, Jennifer, Allison and Dad David.)

Random Acts of Kindness....

Natick resident, Allison Kahn, recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah and shared her celebration with our fourfooted friends. Instead of placing flowers on the center of each table at her reception, Allison chose to put baskets of animal toys as a decoration. On each basket was a card that read "For the homeless cats and dogs at the Animal Rescue League. With love from Allie." Shortly after the event, Allie and her family brought the generous donation of goodies to the League's Boston adoption center. Thanks, Allie, for showing that kindness truly does uplift the world!

Teamwork for a Good Cause–Our Animal Friends

A group of students from the Framingham campus of Massachusetts Bay Community College learned the valuable lesson of teamwork while helping out their animal friends. The students from Professor Elmont's Group Process class were divided into small groups and asked to provide a service for the community. Billy Murphy, Danielle Sherman, Beth Finn, Elaine Matola and Kelly Graham chose the Animal Rescue League of Boston. These enthusiastic students put together quite a successful bake sale at their school and raised over $120. The group used the money to purchase dog and cat food, treats and toys. These much needed (and much appreciated!) items were delivered to the Dedham branch in person by the students. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the group for their hard work and generosity.

Animal Rescue League of Boston Encourages Members to Help STAMP OUT Pet Overpopulation

The Animal Rescue League of Boston has long been promoting the idea that spaying and neutering pets is the only solution to the tragic problem of pet overpopulation. Staff and volunteers take every opportunity to educate the public on this issue. A few years ago the League launched the overpopulation pin campaign to help raise awareness. We are asking all of our supporters to help us raise awareness again through the Pet Overpopulation STAMP OUT campaign.

The STAMP OUT campaign was started by the Prevent a Litter Coalition (PaLC) in September 1997. Its purpose is to have a postage stamp produced that will spread the message of spaying and neutering pets. The average print release of a commemorative postal stamp is 80 million! What an impact that message could make.

Since its inception many humane societies, celebrities, politicians and most importantly the general public have already voiced their support for the Spay/Neuter stamp. Now it is your turn. Please write to the following address and ask that a Spay/Neuter stamp be issued in the year 2000.

William Henderson, Postmaster General
c/o Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, #4474E
Washington, DC 20260

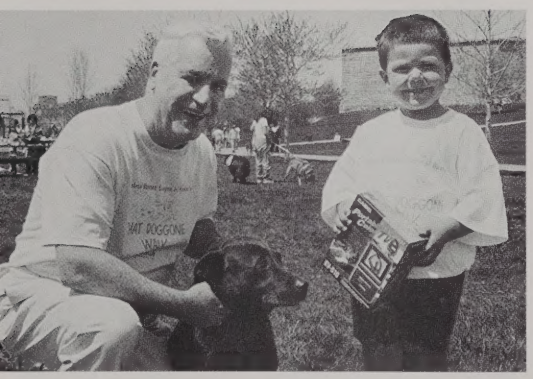
For more information on ways to help, check out the Prevent a Litter Coalition's Web site at www.palc.org.

This adorable design is just an example of how you could show your love for animals and support a very important issue—stopping pet overpopulation—with a U.S. postal stamp. Actual graphic design would be determined by the United States Postal Service.

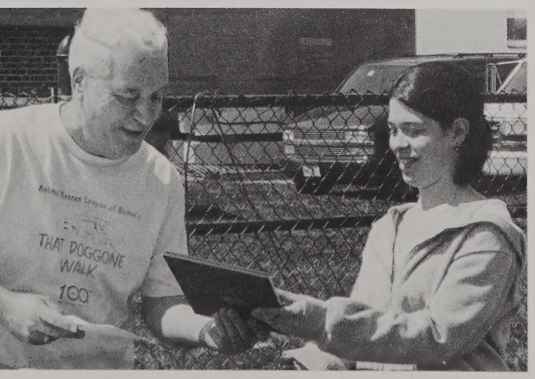
Passersby took note of these lovely lightpost banners, which lined the streets in Boston along Boylston and Tremont. The banners were created to raise awareness during our all-important centennial year as well as serve as a simple tribute to all the work accomplished by this organization.

THAT DOGGONE WALK

Two of the Animal Rescue League's furry members lead their fellow animal friends around Castle Island.



Sam Bigda-Peyton is all smiles as he accepts the grand prize, a hand-held color TV, from Arthur Slade, president. Great job getting those donations Sam!



Kristen Collins happily accepts her Animal Rescue League of Boston Scholarship Award from President Arthur Slade.

Oh what a beautiful morning. Oh what a beautiful day. Oh what a fabulous feeling to know so many people support the Animal Rescue League of Boston. May 1,1999 was indeed a perfect day for the second annual *That Doggone Walk*. The Animal Rescue League of Boston's dog walk was a fun celebration of our love for animals. Nearly 200 walkers and a large pack of their four-footed companions walked along the 2.1 mile route at Castle Island in South Boston.

The festivities began with one special student being presented with the second annual Animal Rescue League of Boston Scholarship Award. Kristen Collins, a 17-year old volunteer at the League's shelter in Dedham received the honor. She has spent countless hours with our animal friends and is especially devoted to the care of our horses. In recognition of her extraordinary compassion for animals, outstanding volunteer service, and dedication to the League, she was awarded with a plaque and a $500 scholarship. Next, in celebration of National Be Kind to Animals Week, a Blessing of the Animals was officiated by Pastoral Assistant, Christina Belogour of the First Baptist Church of Boston.

The official start of the walk was led by a dog and cat holding the *That Doggone Walk* banner. (OK, maybe it wasn't a real dog and cat. Perhaps, it was Rauri White and Sheilagh MacFeeley in costume; but they were cute enough to be real.) It was quite a sight to see the multitude of smiling faces marching around the fort and beside the water, along with all those happy canines sporting their bright blue dog walk bandannas. Others strolling around Castle Island couldn't help but smile at each dog returning from the finish line carrying its own prize in its mouth. A good time was had by all; and best of all, the event raised over $8,000 for the care of animals aided by the League.

A big thank you goes out to our friends at the Metropolitan District Commission/Castle Island for making us feel so welcome once again, and a special thank you to all who participated.

Prizes were awarded to the following top pledge-getters. Congratulations!

GRAND PRIZE:
2.5" Hand-Held LCD Color TV
Sam Bigda-Peyton (with a little help from his friend Theresa Finn)

RUNNERS UP:
Assorted Gift Certificates to Restaurants and Summer Activities
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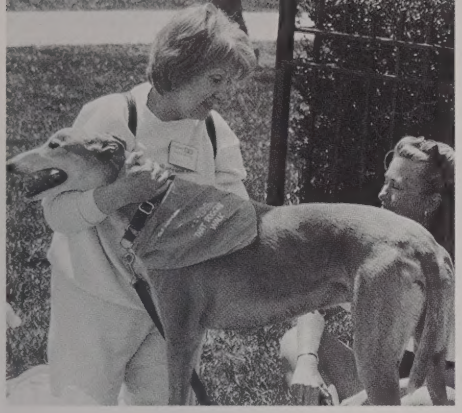
Trudy MacDonald
Cheryl Dunn
Kelly Cleary
Helen Buks
Donna Jamgochian



Volunteer, Rosalie Bradanese welcomes a canine friend to the walk, who looks quite chic in the commemorative reflective bandana.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston would like to thank all of our participants and gratefully acknowledge the following contributing sponsors of *That Doggone Walk 1999*.

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We also extend a special thanks to Robin Pawlak for the logo and poster design, and to Alison Caiazza, Red Cup Design for the banner design.

Petoberfest 1999

Join us for a walk through time at Petoberfest '99! Our annual fall fair will have a centennial flair to celebrate the League's 100th birthday! Proceeds from the event will benefit a spay/neuter fund.

The fun begins on Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. (Rain date: October 17) at the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham. Bring your friends and family as we once again host a day of fun to celebrate the bond we have with our animal companions. Pets on leashes are invited to join the festivities which will include a Blessing of the Animals, Pets in Adoption Parade, humane education tables, crafters, kiddie rides and games, raffles, plenty of baked goodies and much more! Can't you just smell the crisp fall air and scent of apple pies? Mmmmm.

Would you like to become a part of Petoberfest? If you would like to volunteer to work at the event, please call Volunteer Coordinator, Rena Bly, at 781-461-8015, (ext. 24). If you would like to rent a craft table, please call Sonia Beals (ext. 23) or Laurel Wellman (ext. 26) at the above number and extensions. Sponsors for the event are always needed and welcomed.

NHL star and dog lover, Byron Dafoe presents a check for $2,500 to Animal Rescue League of Boston President Arthur Slade and the president's assistant, Carol Bender.

Hockey Player Byron Dafoe Recognizes League With A Generous Donation

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is pleased and proud to have made a new friend in NHL star, Byron Dafoe. The popular Boston Bruins goaltender is a devoted animal lover with two beloved dogs. Recently, Dafoe was given the opportunity to help out his "pet" charity. Dafoe was one of two players who contributed ongoing entries in the NHL.com Player Diary throughout the season. For their time, NHL Interactive CyberEnterprises then donated $2,500 to the hockey player's favorite charity. Dafoe generously offered this donation to the League.

He wrote in his diary, "I've really enjoyed giving all the fans a behind-the-scenes look at my life, on and off the ice, and knowing that it's helping out a good cause makes it even better. I have two German Shepherds of my own, so this charity is something I really feel strongly about."

During a practice Dafoe welcomed Arthur Slade, League president and his assistant, Carol Bender to formally present the check. We are grateful to Byron Dafoe not only for his financial contribution but for his and his wife, Kim's public support as well.

A Tradition Of Caring At The Pine Ridge Animal Center In Dedham

by Laurel Wellman

"Where will this cat be kept at night?" asks Lisa Lagos, shelter manager as she conducts an adoption interview.

"On my bed, I hope," answers the attractive older woman.

Everyone smiles and laughs. Debby Vogel, shelter agent continues the process by calling for landlord approval and then scheduling a neuter appointment. Lagos moves on to explaining the identification microchip to the new owners of an orange kitten and then offers them a baby blanket for its cage. In the space of a half hour, two cats were adopted, advice was dispensed over the phone concerning an abandoned baby bird, an alumni dog named "Snoopy" was petted, and an elderly gentleman just visiting the animals was greeted by name. That's what you find at the top of the hill of the Pine Ridge Animal Center–happy, smiling controlled chaos. It's hard to miss the enthusiasm and depth of caring.

If you walked up the hill at 238 Pine Street in the early 20th century you might have been going to visit a beloved pet's gravesite, or stopping by to check on the overworked horses who were finally enjoying some rest. You may even have been invited to one of Anna Harris Smith's popular tea parties. All around you would have been beautiful trees and flowers. It would have been quite peaceful and serene. It still is.

It seems like such a long time ago, and yet Al LoConte, cemetery staff person, who grew up in Dedham, still remembers horses grazing at the edge of Pine Street. He even saw founder, Anna Harris Smith herself. Imagine if she knew how far we have come...

Lisa Lagos, shelter manager, always has time to talk to the animals. Here she chats it up with a greyhound waiting for adoption.

Less than a decade after its inception, the Animal Rescue League of Boston was ready to branch out into the suburbs in order to serve more people and animals. The Chamberlain Farm in Dedham was purchased for $6,000 in 1907. This site became the Pine Ridge Home for Rest for Horses. The existing barn was completely

Kindness Uplifts The World

This is the story of over a century of humane service to animals. It is a story of the sheltering of the homeless, the care of the afflicted, the prevention of cruelty and the education of children and adults in kindness toward animals. It is a story of a dauntless personality, League founder Mrs. Huntington (Anna Harris) Smith, and those who followed her. Finally, it is the story of the growth of a great charitable enterprise.

1911 - Anna Harris Smith, founder of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, inspects the barn residents in Dedham.

refurbished. A veranda was added to the farmhouse, which later became a summer residence for Anna Harris Smith and her husband.

In the beginning, the facility was not meant to be a shelter for cats and dogs. However, Pine Ridge was available as a receiving station for small animals that were then quickly transferred to Boston. Soon the site was equipped with two dog kennels and space for five cats. A secluded section of the estate was set aside and designated as Pine Ridge Cemetery for Animals, the first cemetery to be continuously operated by a humane society. After the early 1960s, there were no horses at Pine Ridge for over twenty years. The main business was the cemetery. The upper section eventually sold out and the front cemetery was opened in 1973. In addition, the location was used in the early 1980s by Red Acre Farm as an isolation unit for newly vaccinated dogs prior to their entering the hearing dog training programs.

The existing structure, which formerly housed an office and a work area, was renovated in 1985 to include an ambulance garage, work area, cemetery office, adoption reception area, cat adoption room, isolation room and an examination room. Additionally, a back section was added on to include a new kennel wing with 12 indoor/outdoor runs. The facility is small but uses the space most efficiently. The Animal Rescue League of Boston's Dedham branch is known as the Safford Memorial Shelter in memory of Ruth Appleton Perkins Safford and her husband, Captain Laurance Frye Safford, USN, whose generous bequest made the expansion possible. The shelter opened for business in December of 1985 with the official Grand Opening being held on February 8, 1986.

The next project was to restore the colonial barn. The original barn purchased in 1907 was once again renovated in 1986-1987. Careful attention was paid to retain its historical value while creating the best living conditions for the horses and other large animals in need of care and shelter. Though accurate records do not exist prior

"Jessica" gets lots of love and attention from Sara Cieslukowski and Debby Vogel of the Dedham staff.

Timeline

1927

1929

1932

1936

Office work is not so bad when you have company. Shelter Manager Lisa Lagos' office mate is "Gladys."

to 1830, a report by American Landmarks, Inc., consultants on historic properties, concluded the foundation is probably 17th century in origin. According to Richard Babcock, the barn restoration expert in charge of the project, techniques used in the original framing of the structure were typical of early 18th-century barn construction.

Mr. Babcock used red oak to reconstruct the frame to a 17th- to early 18th- century appearance, with cedar shingles on the exterior and a distinctive cupola topping off the structure. The authentic cupola is quite functional as an excellent source of ventilation. Inside four large box stalls and four smaller stalls provide flexible living quarters for a variety of animals. Since 1987 the barn has been home mostly to horses picked up or surrendered through the law enforcement department. Over the years they have also had some visitors of the chicken, duck, goose, goat, sheep and pig varieties.

The 22-acre site in Dedham is now known as the Pine Ridge Animal Center; the cemetery, shelter/adoption center and barn facilities are all thriving.

An average of 700 people seek cemetery services each year, around 300 chose to have a burial. When the distraught pet owners arrive at Pine Ridge they are usually greeted by Mike Thomas, cemetery staff person. In most cases, when an animal is terminally ill it will be euthanized to prevent prolonged suffering. Thomas feels his first job is to reinforce this decision. He chooses his words carefully always saying that the person has done this "for" their pet not "to" them. Thomas says, "it makes the decision less traumatic and allows them to continue the grieving process." Most people are just looking for a little support and someone to listen. Unfortunately, friends and co-workers may not always be able to truly appreciate their loss. After visiting the Pine Ridge Animal Cemetery the owner will feel a little less alone.

Pet cemeteries are unique in that they will allow you to be present at the actual burial. Many take advantage of this as it helps with closure. They might read a poem, a letter to the deceased pet, a bible passage or reminisce about funny and happy moments with their pet. Contrary to what one might expect, pet burials are not just for the rich and famous. Cemetery services are quite reasonable, a dog or a cat can be buried (excluding the headstone) for $150 or can be cremated for $50 to $115. If a person wants to honor their animal companion in this way, it is not out of reach financially.

Thomas describes the cemetery as "a little community of shoulders to cry on." Walking amidst the gravesites people tend to speak to each other. It becomes an informal, unscheduled support group. People feel less isolated seeing others in the same position while some even develop friendships. Thomas says he sees people leave flowers at the grave of a pet whose owners they met on a prior visit.

The enduring love between man and his beloved pets is never more apparent than on Memorial Day Weekend, when the cemetery can have as many as 500 - 700

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ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE
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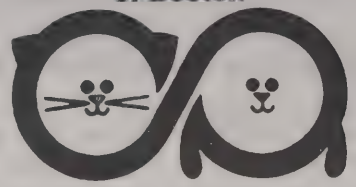

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visitors over a four-day period. The second most popular visiting day is Christmas. People even send flowers to be placed on graves when they move away. Pine Ridge Animal Cemetery is a very beautiful and peaceful place. Visitors are always welcome. Some choose to visit the upper cemetery simply for its historic value.

Such a large and diverse facility requires a special group of employees. Shelter Manager Lisa Lagos is very pleased with how well her staff of nine works together. She remarks that "they have a great ability to roll with the punches and laugh, which is important in this stressful business." She delights in seeing how happy they are when an animal they have been working with is placed.

Debby Vogel finds the long-term cases the most rewarding. Her favorite success story is Sheena. Sheena, a big Rottweiler mix, arrived in poor condition. She was covered in dirt and cement, it took two hours to shave and clean her up. Under the staff's care, Sheena lost weight, was well groomed and interacted well with people. Sheena was actually a gentle dog and particularly good with babies, but her size scared many prospective adopters away. It took four months, but then came the unusual yet perfect match. An elderly woman who lived near the shelter had recently lost her husband. She was looking for a dog to help her feel safe in her home alone and yet that she could handle on her own. Vogel has a big grin as she tells this story, "when the woman met Sheena there was an instant connection."

Shelter staff take advantage of the daily opportunity to educate the public. This can be anything from encouraging someone surrendering kittens to spay their cat to explaining to a group of children how to care for a rabbit. Lagos encourages people to take the time to choose the right type of pet for their family. She promotes the idea that clients should consider working with an adult animal's existing issues. Everyone thinks they want a puppy but if the person doesn't understand how to properly train and care for the dog, the same dog will be back in a shelter as a problem adult. We will never know how many returned animals or cases of neglect have been prevented, but with the calm non-judgmental approach of Dedham's staff surely it is quite a few.

Pine Ridge is also unique in that it has the largest amount of regular volunteers—more than 10 people volunteer on a weekly basis with more stopping by less frequently. Vogel enjoys the child volunteers the most. She finds that, "everything is so new to them and they are willing to do anything with them." The common tasks are fun for the kids and the animals love the extra attention. On any given day, volunteers can be found grooming the horses, taking dogs for a walk, or cleaning the cat cages. In October you will find dozens of volunteers helping out at the popular Petoberfest fall fair.

Standing at the top of the hill at the Pine Ridge Animal Center, your head may spin watching the spirited staff hard at work. Imagine Anna Harris Smith standing at her window across from the shelter observing the remarkable group of people carrying on her dream. Wouldn't she be proud to see how far we have come...

Keeping Pine Ridge Animal Cemetery looking beautiful is a matter of pride for Mike Thomas.

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Happy Birthday ARL!

A Centennial of Caring was celebrated in late March at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. The spirit of Anna Harris Smith's vision could be felt throughout the evening's festivities, as a group of over 250 friends, members and employees gathered to commemorate 100 years of the League's commitment to animal welfare.

Toasting the Centennial with good cheer are President Arthur Slade, and Board members, John L. Worden III, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt Morgan, Jr. and John F. Sugden, Jr.

Festivities included the premiere of the new League informational and historical video, presentation of awards, and a candlelight ceremony to honor past and present pets as well as those in need of homes. The night concluded with dinner and dancing. Media personality and former host of the Good Day Show, Eileen Prose, hosted the program! The mascot for the evening was a former victim of neglect named "Sniffles." The Labrador mixed breed now has a happy home in Fitchburg with Bonnie Lyons and her family.

Arthur Slade, president of the Animal Rescue League of Boston since 1977 and employee since 1964, was honored for his professional and personal dedication in the humane field. Chairman of the Board, Richard Hall, presented Mr. Slade with the Anna Harris Smith Award – a distinction that has only been awarded a few times in the history of the League.

Board Chairman Richard Hall (l), League President Arthur Slade and emcee Eileen Prose take some time to pose with the Gala mascot, "Sniffles" and her companion, Bonnie Lyons.

League employees Alan Borgal and Joe Winslow were each honored with the President's award that recognizes excellence in job performance and commitment to the League's mission.

The League honored a select group of very special people and animals that promote the bond we all share. Humane Awards were presented to the following:

Dr. David Dunn, of North Shore Animal Hospital in Lynn, was honored for his many years of service as a veterinarian not only to the community, but also to the League. Dr. Dunn has consistently and graciously given time and services to animals in the League's care, often asking nothing in return.

"Luke," faithful companion of Beth Marcus of Concord, smelled a gas leak on December 29 and alerted his mistress to the situation. As a result, everyone was safe and the house was saved. Ms. Marcus is also the owner of Glow Dog, a company that makes and sells reflective clothing for people and animals. Luke and Beth donated Glow Dog bandannas to each guest at the event.

"Kerry," a devoted and heroic German Shepherd, was honored posthumously. In a valiant effort to alert her sleeping family to a house fire New Year's weekend, Kerry woke her family and saved their lives by barking. Sadly, the brave dog perished in the fire. Accepting the award on her behalf were grateful companions, Stacie Boricelli and Kevin Krupcheck of Malden.

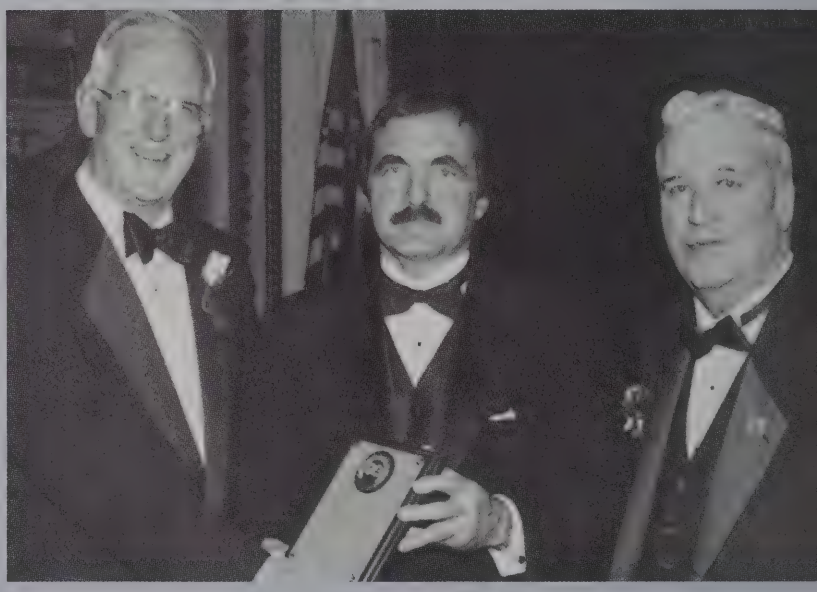
Patti Higgins, of the Brewster Police Department, received an emergency call regarding a dog that was choking. She calmly and confidently instructed the owners of "Bass" in caring for their beloved pet. "Bass" collapsed during the ordeal and Ms. Higgins talked the couple through rescue breathing. As a result, the lucky and happy canine is alive and well.

Richard Hall presents Humane Award to "Kerry's" owners, Stacie Boricelli and Kevin Krupcheck.

Paws Up to the furry friend, "Luke" as he gets a congratulatory pawshake for his Humane Award from Adam Curtis, friend of Beth Marcus, Luke's companion.

The well kept secret of the evening was the presentation of the Anna Harris Smith Award by Chairman of the Board, Richard Hall, to League President, Arthur G. Slade.

Gala guests participate in a candlelight ceremony in honor and in memory of animals around the world.



Richard Hall and Arthur Slade present a humane award to well deserving recipient, Dr. David Dunn.

League employees share in the celebration: (left to right) Veterinarian, Dr. Rashel Shophet; Director of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Bosmat Gal; Law Enforcement Coordinator, Alan Borgal; and Veterinary Technician, Johanna Saratora.

Looking back: fond memories of the League.

We invite you to read some reflections shared by our friends and members as we celebrate our Centennial of Caring. Look for additional remembrances in the coming issues. Thank you to all readers who responded to our request for League memories.

"Looking at old copies of "*Our Fourfooted Friends*" magazines and finding articles and photos about my Dad, John J. Bella, I was able to "path" his career at the League. I had not looked at the magazines for many years and it was enjoyable to re-read them with a more mature view. I can now parallel my career with Dad's. Now I am almost the same age as he was during the latter part of his career.

John J. Bella

My world involves E-mail, Mac and PC computers with CD ROM, fax machines, color printers and of course, the Internet. Dad's work did not have this type of electronic technology, but he did have a remarkable pride and loyalty being affiliated with the Animal Rescue League. As I grew up, his pride became mine–I was very proud of his being a League employee, and it remains today. I still have his 30-year service pin and some of his business cards. Dad was employed at the League for 34 years, first as an agent, then from 1942-1958 as a quarantine agent under the direction of Presidents Robert S. Sellar, Walter J. Detloff and Carlton Buttrick.

At home, whenever a bird, dog, or cat was injured, neighborhood kids would bring them to Mr. Bella "to fix." Our back porch frequently held animals waiting to be fixed by Dad when he arrived home from work. Dad just had a way with animals! One in particular was his pet parakeet, "Tommy." "Tommy" would be released from his cage during the evening while Dad would write his quarantine post cards. "Tommy" would fly and perch on the eraser of the pencil that Dad was writing with. Dad would slow his writing speed while "Tommy" was along for the ride!

The best animal Dad brought home was a mongrel that looked something like an Airedale. Someone in the family named her "Ginger." Dad had the gift of adopting wonderful dogs from the League. "Ginger" was a family member for about 10 years before she had to be put to sleep. Dad told us that a very special, gentle person was going to handle and care for "Ginger." Of course, that day we all left the League in tears, including Dad.

About five years ago, my older sister, Jospehine and I visited the League to view a collage mounted on the Lobby wall that contained a photo of Dad and Mr. MacDonald feeding the horses at Christmastime. It was wonderful to see that Dad was still a part of the League in the 90's! Every December, I look in the Boston Herald for the annual photo of League members feeding the horses. To the League's credit, the very old tradition continues!

Dad was very proud to be affiliated with the Animal Rescue League–he had such high regard for his colleagues, managers, and especially the organization! I am most grateful to the League in publishing "*Our Fourfooted Friends*." It is wonderful to be able to follow in Dad's League history through the magazines. The League holds a very warm spot in the hearts of Bella family members, and especially wonderful memories of learning experiences for me! Congratulations on the League's Centennial!

Eleanor Bella-Guarino

"The happiest day of my life was 63 years ago. I was driven to Boston with my mother and friends to do an errand for the friends. We stopped somewhere in Boston and our friends went on their errand. They came back leading a white dog (a Spitz-Terrier blend). My heart knew endless joy when I was told "Foxy" was my birthday gift. We had stopped at the Animal Rescue League."

Priscilla Potter Clinton

Animal Fri

As part of the League's centennial celebration we are spotlighting happy memories of animals and the League. 14-year old Trista Manchuso wrote the following story. She recounts the happy experience, when she was six years old, of adopting a dog at one of the League's shelters.

Ben

by Trista Manchuso

The hot sun was beating down on me, and little specks of sweat trickled down my sunburned forehead.

"You're it!" a child yelled.

There were kids everywhere and one by one their parents were coming to pick them up from another day at camp.

My mom was a camp counselor, so my older brother and sister and I went to camp as well. It was a hot July day. I had just turned six, which made me the youngest of three. Even though there were many other children my age to play with, I still enjoyed staying with my mom.

When we got home at 4:30 p.m., I cooled off, letting the fan blow my shirt up and sipping a juice, while waiting for my dad to get home from work. We were going to an animal shelter in the city to pick out our first dog. I was very excited!

When my dad got home, we all got into our station wagon, and by 5:00 p.m. we were at the shelter. The building stuck out from its surroundings. It was a one-story brink building, and there were only a few cars in the parking lot. When we went inside there were about seven cages of dogs in the front, and if you walked into the back, there was an abundant amount of cages full of cats.

All the dogs were full-grown and standing up in their large cages. There was a Dalmatian, a German Shepherd, a Springer Spaniel, a Lab and a few others. The Dalmatian was deaf in one ear, and the German Shepherd was better with adults. There was one dog that caught my eye. He was a brown and white Springer Spaniel, he was two years old and his name was "Ben." He was my favorite. I don't know why he caught my eye, but he just seemed different to me from all the rest. His little sulky eyes made me fall in love with him, and want to take him home with me right then.

My mom and dad had other favorites, and so did my sister and brother. Since I was only six years old, I didn't have much of an input into the decision.

"Excuse me," my mom asked the lady at the desk, "is it possible that we could put a dog on reserve, till we make a decision?"

The lady told my mom that it was possible, but for a twenty-four hour maximum. When we left the shelter there was a big, shiny yellow sticker that read "Hold" on the cage of the Springer Spaniel.

ends

My mom and dad were trying to make a decision about the dog, so they went out that night. My grandma babysat us.

We were sitting on the living room floor playing a board game when the phone rang. My grandma answered it. She was talking for a while before she hung up.

"Okay," she said, "yes, I'll have them call you when they get in."

She hung up the phone.

"Who was it, Lilgee?" Travis, my older brother, questioned.

My grandma informed us that a couple went to the shelter after us, and that they were interested in making "Ben" part of their family too. At that time I just broke down in tears. I had already felt a special love between "Ben" and I, and the other couple adopting him would have been heartbreaking for me.

I cried all night till my mom and dad got home. When they did get home they called the shelter back.

"Hello," my mom said, "yes. Oh, a couple. Ahhhh....." she paused, "ahhh. Okay. We'll be there to get him at about 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning."

"Yeah!" I cheered.

We picked him up the next morning, and walked him out of the shelter with a brand new blue leash and blue collar, which we've saved since then. When we got home that day, we introduced him to my grandma's animals, and our two cats. He got along well with my grandma's dog "Puppy," but her cat well, that was a different story, and was fine with our cats. He got comfortable in no time, and slept in with me and Tia, but on my bottom bunk.

We've had "Ben" ever since I was six. He was just two years old when we adopted him, and will be eleven years old in December. When I saw him in the shelter for the first time I just fell in love, and he fell in love with our family. He's been our "Benny 'n the Jets" ever since.

friends of the quarter

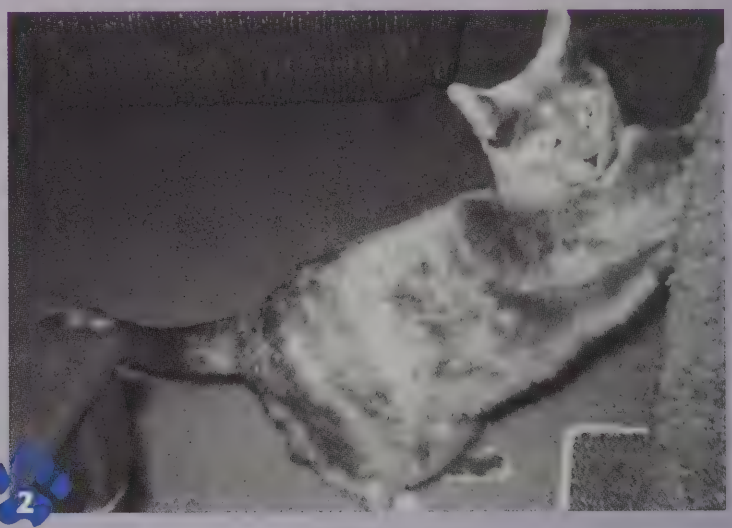
An ARL #1 kid!

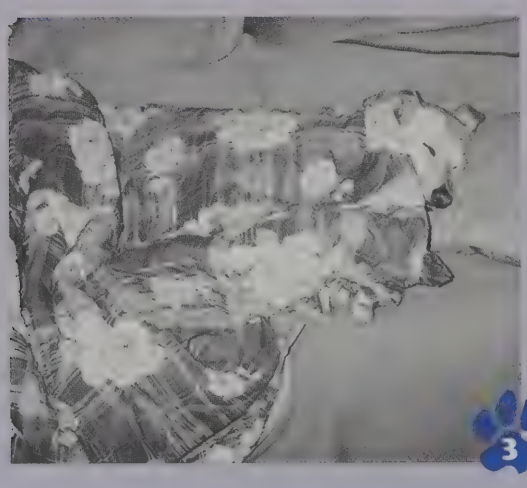
Meaghan Wall from Reading, MA knows how to throw a great party! Upon her request, on Meaghan's ninth birthday she required all those attending to bring a donation of blankets and towels for animals to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. She called her party, "Meaghan's Birthday to the Rescue." At her party her guests created cards for shelter animals to be placed on their cages at the league's headquarters in Boston. Meaghan's act of kindness did not stop there. During the Christmas season, Meaghan made treat bags filled with goodies for the dogs and cats at the shelter. She also created cards with special messages such as, "somebody loves you," to each animal. The Animal Rescue League of Boston gives our thanks for giving the animals at the shelter something to celebrate!

If you or someone you know has been performing good deeds on behalf of our animal friends, send us a photo and letter with all the details! If we publish your story, we'll send you a League t-shirt! Send entries to:

Friend of the Quarter
Animal Rescue League of Boston
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117
Participants must be twelve years of age or younger.

Pets in the





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"Patch" was adopted from the Dedham shelter by Bill and June Hazard. They tell us, "He is a great pet and great ball player. We call him our Chairman of the Entertainment Committee."

2.

Alice Jones hadn't had a cat since childhood. Now in her 80's she wouldn't want to be without her cat "Charlotte." "Charlotte" is easy to care for, and Jones tells us she is "not lonesome for she has Charlotte to keep her in line. "Charlotte's" the boss of the house."

3.

"Lady" sent in a memorial gift in honor of her Daddy, Carmine Roselli. "Lady" had a wonderful life with Roselli; he took her everywhere, even let her sleep on his bed. When Roselli passed away, "Lady" went to live in Connecticut with Roselli's daughter Mary Ann Ostop and her husband Richard. As you can see "Lady" is quite comfortable in her new home.

4.

Proud owner, Crystal Zinn wrote to tell us, "'Jack' (the cat) and 'Elsa' are the best of pals. They sleep together, they groom each other, and they play together with enthusiasm and affection. What a good example they set for my two young children." Both animals were adopted from the Brewster branch. Carol says it best when she writes, "They enrich our lives in many ways."

Picture

Amongst the wonderful centennial memories the League has received this year, we found this touching tribute to a beloved lost pet.

Gone But Not Forgotten

In Loving Memory of Heidi
June 22, 1993

May you always walk in sunshine,
And God's love around you flow,
For the happiness you gave me,
No one could ever know.

You were an angel sent from up above,
To bless my life with devotion and love,
To make me smile and dry my tears,
Throughout all of our 13+ years.
No truer friend there'll ever be,
No better companion than my Heidi.

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
A part of me went with you,
The day God called you home.
You were tired, it was plain,
The time had come to end the pain.

In my heart and mind you will stay,
Until that most precious day,
When I will come to you,
and there you'll be,
Wagging your tail as you run to me.
And once again, we will laugh and play,
Just like the days of yesterday.
My Heidi and me...I love you and
miss you so much.

- Nadine Killion

1. *"Hagler"*

"Hagler" came into the Cape Cod branch as a stray in February 1988 and became the much loved shelter mascot. He greeted visitors daily and helped to promote pet responsibility and issues in the local newspapers. He passed away on April 20, 1999 at approximately 17 years of age. The staff and his many good friends will sadly miss him.

2. *"Garfield"*

"Garfield" was with JoAnn Finn of Wareham for 19 wonderful years. She had a grand life and ruled over a happy house full of animals. Here she is sleeping in one of her favorite spots – under the Vermont Castings wood stove.

3. *"Benjy"*

"Benjy" had very good life, greatly due to the excellent care and the consideration given to him through the many years by Drs. Shophet and Cullion," writes Jean M. Every. "He truly was my 'best buddy' and is very much missed but he also left behind some warm memories that will last a lifetime."

4. *"Ketta"*

"Ketta" spent many happy hours helping out in Claire Barden's framing office. "Ketta" was adopted from the League as a kitten and lived to be 15 years of age. Barden and Lois Johnston describe this "delightful cat" as the "most affectionate cat they've ever had."

5. *"Heidi"*

"Heidi" brought years of happiness and love to Mary Ramos of Dorchester. She will be truly missed. She was a companion to her owner and will never be forgotten."

Pet Loss Group

The loss of a beloved pet can be a difficult experience. The League is now offering support services to the public. If you are interested in participating in a group or have questions about pet loss, please call Marcia Lowry Maloney, LMHC at 617-426-9170 ext. 430.

Sit Up & Beg

Thank you to the many thoughtful animal lovers who take time to stop at our shelter locations to drop off blankets, towels and toys. Your kindness provides comfort, warmth and happiness to our furry friends.

The staff at the League has developed the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care, or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute a portion of the funds needed to purchase a piece of equipment, please call (617) 461-8015, ext. 23 or ext. 26.

Towels and Blankets
Used to line cages for comfort and warmth as well as in ambulances and after bathing.

Cat and Dog Toys (still in packaging)
Used to help reduce the stress level of the animals while in the shelter.

Antenna Tracking System & Transmitter Darts
Would be used to track tranquilized large animals during humane captures; $750

Thank You

We would like to gratefully thank the following friends for their generous contributions:

Digital Camera
Deborah and Tanner Tillotson (funds for new camera, for use by public relations department)
Karen Morse (used digital camera, for use at Salem shelter)

Boat
John Hitchcock (donation of the *Achilles* inflatable boat for rescues)

Thank you to Joyce Johnson who donated her beautiful artwork seen on our back cover.

1999 Animal Photography Contest

Of course your pet is cute. But does he or she jump for joy when you bring out the camera? Maybe it is waiting for a chance to become the next Morris or Lassie? Take the first step by entering your pet in the 1999 Animal Photography Contest.

All amateur photographers are encouraged to enter (no professionals, please). A panel of judges will choose the winners, which will then be announced at Petoberfest (October 16, 1999). Separate prizes will be awarded for juniors (under 18) and adults. Awards will be in the form of gift certificates for photographic equipment and supplies in the amounts of $150, $100 and $75. All photos entered will be displayed during Petoberfest at the Dedham shelter and the winning photos will appear in the winter issue of *Our Fourfooted Friends*.

Photos submitted may be black and white or color. Entries can be photos of animals alone or with people and/or props. The photos must be unretouched and should be enlarged to approximately 5" x 7" or 8" x 10". Please keep your negatives in case we need them for reproduction. **We are sorry but no photos will be returned.** All photos submitted become the property of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. The entry deadline is October 1, 1999.

To enter: Affix a printed label or sticker on the back of each entry with the photographer's name, address, phone number and age, if he or she is under 18. Be sure not to write on the back of the photo with a pen or sharp pencil which can damage the surface of the print. Mail entries by October 1, 1999 to: Animal Rescue League of Boston, Community Outreach Office, 55 Anna's Place, Dedham, MA 02026, Attn: Animal Photo Contest. For further information, call (781) 461-8015.

Special Centennial Celebration Prices

Show your support

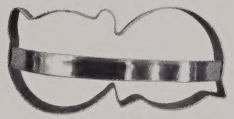
and help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail.

Sweatshirt
(S, M, L, XL)
$18.00 ea.

T-Shirt
(S, M, L, XL)
$10.00 ea.

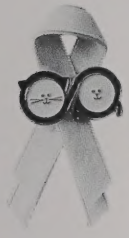
Centennial Coffee Mug
$3.00 ea.



Cookie Cutter
$5.00 ea.

Tote Bag
$12.00 ea.

Water Bottle
$2.50 ea.



Blue Ribbon Pin
$5.00 ea.

Baseball Hats
$12.00 ea.

"ARL Logo" Hat

"Centennial Hat"

Please send me:

Quantity	Item	Size	Cost
Total *(Please add $3.00 for shipping and handling for orders $10 and over or if ordering two or more ceramic mugs.)*			

NAME

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CITY STATE ZIP

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of $ made payable to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. (Please remember shipping and handling charge if applicable.) Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Mail to: **Animal Rescue League of Boston**
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us for these upcoming League events. If you have questions please call the Community Outreach Office at 781-461-8015.

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OCTOBER

16 Petoberfest

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pine Ridge Animal Center
Dedham
(rain date: October 17)

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